Emergency Preparedness School Nurse Survey
2011 – Results of Final Data

The purpose of this survey, which was conducted at the Kansas School Nurse Summer Conference, was to gather information regarding Kansas school nurses knowledge and concerns about emergency preparedness in their school(s). This survey will assist the Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools (KC-SPS) and Kansas School Nurse Organization (KSNO) in collaboration and coordination of information and trainings to enhance “the role of the school nurse in disaster/emergency preparedness”.

Total surveys that were completed: 231

School USD # represented by the survey: 124 (116 public, 3 Head Start, 1 not-listed, and 4 private)

Counties represented by the survey: 87

Number of years as school nurse:
86 (new to 5yrs) 49 (6-10yrs) 39 (11-15 yrs) 31 (16-20 yrs) 16 (21-25 yrs) 5 (26-30 yrs) 5 (31-35 yrs)

My school district is a member of Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools:
31% Yes 6% No, and 63% DID NOT KNOW

I am a member of my county Medical Reserve Corps:
14% Yes 76% No 10% DO NOT KNOW

1. My school building is sufficiently secure and safe for staff and students.
   74% Agreed/Strongly Agree  15% Neutral  11% Disagree

2. I know what to do and what to say if I encounter a person in the building who is unfamiliar to me and is not properly identified as a visitor.
   91% Agree/Strongly Agree  7% Neutral  2% Disagree

3. I am familiar with my city/county’s Crisis Response Plan.
   44% Agree/Strongly Agree  26% Neutral  30% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

4. I know the key members of my city/county’s Crisis Response system and how they would mobilize resources to my school in a disaster.
   39% Agree/Strongly Agree  25% Neutral  36% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

5. There is a competent Emergency Response Team in my building.
   56% Agree/Strongly Agree  25% Neutral  19% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

6. The Building Level Emergency Prepared Staff in my building are sufficiently familiar with their specific responsibilities in the event of an emergency/disaster.
   45% Agree/Strongly Agree  32% Neutral  23% Disagree/Strongly Disagree
7. I have multiple contact numbers for all families in the event of an emergency.
   72% Agree/Strongly Agree  13% Neutral  15% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

8. I know what to say to other students in my healthroom if one of their classmates is seriously injured or ill.
   95% Agree/Strongly Agree  4% Neutral  1% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

9. In the event of a crisis in which there were mass casualties, I would know how to conduct Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) triage.
   57% Agree/Strongly Agree  18% Neutral  25% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

10. I have a system for the surveillance of communicable diseases so that I would recognize a trend in the school.
    75% Agree/Strongly Agree  19% Neutral  6% Disagree

11. I know who to notify if there is a cluster of children in my building with similar symptoms.
    96% Agree/Strongly Agree  3% Neutral  1% Disagree

12. I understand that there may be circumstances that would lead to an evacuation of the building to offsite locations.
    96% Agree/Strongly Agree  3% Neutral  1% Disagree

13. I know what my role would be if the building had to be evacuated.
    80% Agree/Strongly Agree  10% Neutral  10% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

14. In the event of a school evacuation, I know what I need to have with me and how I would transport it.
    80% Agree/Strongly Agree  11% Neutral  9% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

15. My building plan includes specific accommodations for children with special medical and physical needs.
    65% Agree/Strongly Agree  20% Neutral  15% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

16. I know the offsite locations where children with special medical needs will be relocated.
    46% Agree/Strongly Agree  21% Neutral  33% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

17. I think my building should have an annual evacuation drill.
    95% Agree/Strongly Agree  5% Neutral
18. I think having an evacuation drill is potentially dangerous.

5% Agree/Strongly Agree  15% Neutral  80% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

19. I understand that there may be circumstances that would lead to a lockdown of the building (contain my students in a safe location within the school).

100% Agree/Strongly Agree

20. I know where to go with the children in my care if we had to lockdown the building.

82% Agree/Strongly Agree  7% Neutral  11% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

21. I think my building should have an annual lockdown drill.

93% Agree/Strongly Agree  7% Neutral

22. I do not believe students should be allowed to turn on cell phones in school, even if a local disaster has occurred.

42% Agree/Strongly Agree  29% Neutral  29% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

23. I could recognize and comfort a child who is experiencing acute anxiety or post traumatic stress disorder.

90% Agree/Strongly Agree  8% Neutral  2% Disagree

24. If a parent were to ask me about my school’s plan for responding to different types of emergencies, I would know what to say.

70% Agree/Strongly Agree  23% Neutral  7% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

25. I am an active member of my school building’s Emergency Preparedness plans and am a leader in my building for emergency preparedness and response efforts.

59% Agree/Strongly Agree  17% Neutral  24% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

26. I have delegated health service procedures (tube feedings, medications, etc.) that could be provided by an unlicensed staff member in the event of an emergency/crisis in my building.

81% Agree/Strongly Agree  11% Neutral  8% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

27. If the building had to be evacuated, I have a plan for how the medications/procedures, etc. would be distributed or performed.

55% Agree/Strongly Agree  22% Neutral  23% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

28. I have written Emergency Action Plans (EAP) for students with special health care needs, taking into consideration evacuation from building (ie bus, or on foot), moving to location for shelter (ie basement) and how these students health needs will continue to be met during these times of crises.

45% Agree/Strongly Agree  25% Neutral  30% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

Adapted from “School-Based Emergency Preparedness: A National Analysis and Recommended Protocol, AHRQ Publication No. 09-0013, January, 2009
29. I have Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) and Individualized Health Care Plans (IHPs) easily accessible for quick transport if needed.

58% Agree/Strongly Agree  18% Neutral  24% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

30. I have sufficient staff in my building trained in CPR/First Aid/AED to assist with emergency response if needed.

65% Agree/Strongly Agree  17% Neutral  18% Disagree/Strongly Disagree

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